

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, which now comprises claims 12-24, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has required the applicants to restrict the application to one of three groups of claims as follows:

Group 1, claim(s) 1-12, 25, and 31-35, drawn to a money item acceptor and method with a specific timing feature of a restricted acceptance range.

Group 2, claim(s) 13-24, drawn to a money item acceptor utilizing an internal security range.

Group 3, claim(s) 26-30 and 36, drawn to a money item acceptor and method with a focused rejection window.

Responsive to the restriction requirement, applicants elect to prosecute Group 2, claims 13-24 relating to a money item acceptor using an internal security range in this application. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-12 and 25-36 without prejudice to their right to file continuation or divisional application(s) regarding the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

Substantive examination on the merits and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

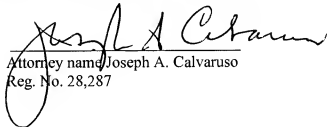
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The Commission is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0665, Order No. 020305-004002 (formerly 17178.002).

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